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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 10 September 2004, time for response to which is set to expire 10 December 2004. Thus, this response is timely filed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.